

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 19 March 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	x		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.	x		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	x		
Gary J. Gaube	x		
Maria R. Gil	x		
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD			x
Robert Hamel, RN			x
Denise Panichas			x
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	x		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	x		
Committee-I			
Amy Lapierre	x		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Robert Marshall, PhD, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Cedar Home Health, LLC** for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 125 Scituate Avenue in Cranston.

Ms. Susan Whipple, CEO of the applicant, reviewed the revised Director of Nursing job description. She discussed the bedsores case which resulted in a deficient survey in 2008 at the Cedar Crest Nursing Home and the resulting quality reporting by the Office of Facilities Regulation for a year. She noted that as of last yearly survey, there were no remaining quality issues.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one recusal (6-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Quigley, Shire. Those members recusing were: Almeida.

The next item on the agenda was the Change Order Request of **Northwest Community Health Care** to the 24 July 2008 approval of the initial licensure application to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility at 142A Danielson Pike in Foster.

The original approval for initial licensure required that Northwest Community Health Care maintain accreditation. The applicant requested that this condition of approval be removed. Neither the Federal Bureau of Healthcare Delivery and Assistance (BHCDA) nor the Rhode Island Health Center Association requires or recognizes JCAHO accreditation for community health centers. The applicant seeks relief from this condition of approval because of the duplication with existing federal quality oversight under the “330 program” and due to “unrealistic” JCAHO requirements for pharmacy reconciliation and other routine operations of community health centers.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the change order request be approved subject to any outstanding concerns of the RI Department of Health Office of Primary Care. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Quigley, Shire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, PhD